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APPLICANTS: James Farquhar et al.

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EXAMINER: S. Yao

TITLE: "PCMCA STANDARD MEMORY CARD FRAME"

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby respectfully request a two month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed on October 22, 1999. Applicants already filed a petition for a one month extension of time and payed the fee therefore, and Applicants hereby petition for a second month extension of time up until March 22, 2000.

Applicants believe that they are entitled to an extension of time without a showing of sufficient cause pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). However, in the event that the Patent Office requires such a showing, Applicants set forth a sufficient showing below.

On February 17, 2000, Applicant's representative, Joseph Reagen, and in-house patent counsel David Newman, held an interview with Examiner Yao at the Patent Office to discuss this application. The interview was very beneficial in helping to further crystalize the issues present in this application, and to let the parties work towards a resolution of this case by amendment and presentation of new claims. However, due to the interview occurring on February 17, 2000, Applicants were unable to complete suitable amendments by the next due date of February 22, 2000.

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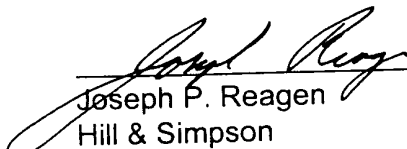
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In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully seek an additional one month extension of time to permit Applicants sufficient time to digest the information learned at the interview, and to prepare and file an appropriate amendment herewith.

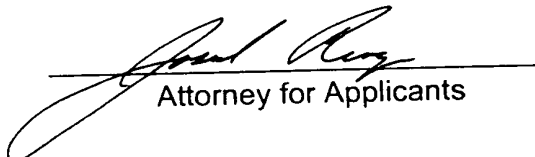
Applicants hereby submit a check in the amount of \$270.00 for the additional one month extension of time. (The second month extension of time fee \$380.00 minus the one month extension of time fee of \$110.00 already paid). If any additional fees are due, please charge the deposit account of Applicant's representative, Account No. 08-2290.

Respectfully submitted,

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